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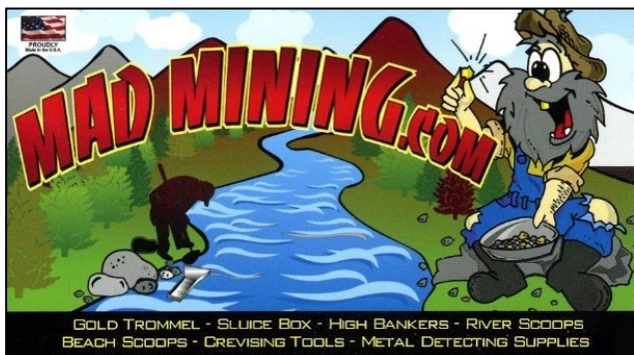
UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The outing at Spanish Creek went well and there was just the right amount of water this time to get across the river and to play in the water. We were fortunate to have several activities Friday and Saturday thanks to our Outing Coordinator, Colleen Campbell. I would have to say the poker walk is becoming one of the highlights on Saturday afternoons on the outings. A big thank you to Joice Smith as well for doing an amazing job running the metal detector hunt and drawing. It gave me the chance to spend some more time with my daughter and for that I am grateful. I know that several members found gold on the claim. It seemed the gold was better on the down stream side of the claim this time. I had found some chunky flakes and a small picker out in the water while fanning some cracks. Unfortunately, my bucket of tools had fallen into the water and there went my snuffer down the river and out of site. Easy come, easy go, I guess.

We have elections coming up in October and there are positions to be filled. If you have a suggestion or want to make a nomination, now is the time to let your board members know. Nominations are now open, so step up and help us continue to make UPI the organization small miners model after. The Board of Directors works for you and needs your feedback to keep things fun for all.

Due to recent fires that are still burning the outing in August had to be canceled. Updates as to the extent of the damage will be made as soon as we gat any information to update. It appears that the fire has burned through Twain and is going through Genesee. Spanish Creek appears to have been spared at the campground.

Cal Courtnier
UPI President





UPI BOARD MEETING June 5, 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 13, 2021 – President called meeting to order at 10:38 am.

Roll Call -

Officers present: Cal Courtnier, President; John Lopez, Vice President; Joyce Smith, Treasurer;
Lydia Hough, Secretary
Directors present: Louie Etlin, Claims Manager; Jim McGann, Membership;
Kim Dessaussios, Publisher/Ed-in-Chief; Ways and Means – vacant
Directors absent: Colleen Campbell, Outings Coordinator
Volunteers present: Joyce Smith, Central Valley Chapter; Gill Mink, South Bay Chapter (via telecon) Mark Weber, Webmaster (via telecon);
Bob Asbill, Wagon Master (via telecon)
Treasurer: Joyce Smith reported the 6/5/2021 balance is \$9,650.97. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report presented. Value of on hand merchandise for drawings is to be included in each treasurer's report.

REPORTS:

President - our Web Master, Mark Weber is stepping down. Will need to look for a replacement ASAP
Vice Pres – the Contra Costa Chapter in Concord still on hold, looking for a reasonably priced meeting place
Treasurer - reported as above
Secretary – nothing to report
Pub/Ed-in-Chief – would like articles from members for the newsletter
Claims Manager – discussed procedures of adding and removing people from claims
Membership – We have 25 new members, 290 active members, 79 lifetime members, 11 deceased members.
Outings Coordinator – planning activities for Spanish Creek outing. Bingo for gold on Friday night and poker walk.
Ways and Means – nothing to report
Wagon Master – will check into having porta-pottys delivered for Spanish Creek outing

Chapters:

Central Valley - March meeting went well. May meeting to be a Spring Equipment/Supplies Sale. Buying/Selling to time will be before and after the meeting as well as break time. Future events discussed were having a metal detecting hunt, a panning contest and/or a Christmas party.

South Bay – lock down has been lifted, meetings to start in July

Old Business:

Membership – Reminder all new and renewing memberships MUST have completed membership forms
Dredging at outings: Reminder – dredging is illegal in California and UPI cannot condone dredging at UPI outings.
Treasurer - Reimbursement form MUST be used, receipts MUST be stapled to form and turned in monthly. Break down items into categories when possible.
Web Master Mark Weber is stepping down, we are looking for a replacement.
Dan DiCarlo will have Contra Costa meeting up and running as soon as a location is secured.

New Business:

We will have a potluck at the Coulterville Outing on Saturday October 16th. Members will be asked to wear a mask and gloves while in the buffet line. Below the alphabet has been divided as suggestion of what to bring:

- A – H Main Dish or Side Dish
- I – P Appetizers
- Q – Z Desserts

2021 Outings Calendar, dates are subject to Covid/Fire Restrictions:

- April 23, 24, 25 Bull Creek
- June 25, 26, 27 Spanish Creek Friday-Bingo for Gold; Detector Hunt-\$10.00 entry fee; Poker Walk
- August 20, 21, 22 Genesse **CANCELLED DUE TO FIRES IN THE AREA**
- October 15, 16, 17 Coulterville

Board Meeting Calendar:

- March 13, 10:30 a.m. - held at Eagles Hall
- May 15, 10:30 a.m. – held at Eagles Hall
- October 16, 12:30 p.m. – held at IOOF Building, Coulterville

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 am.



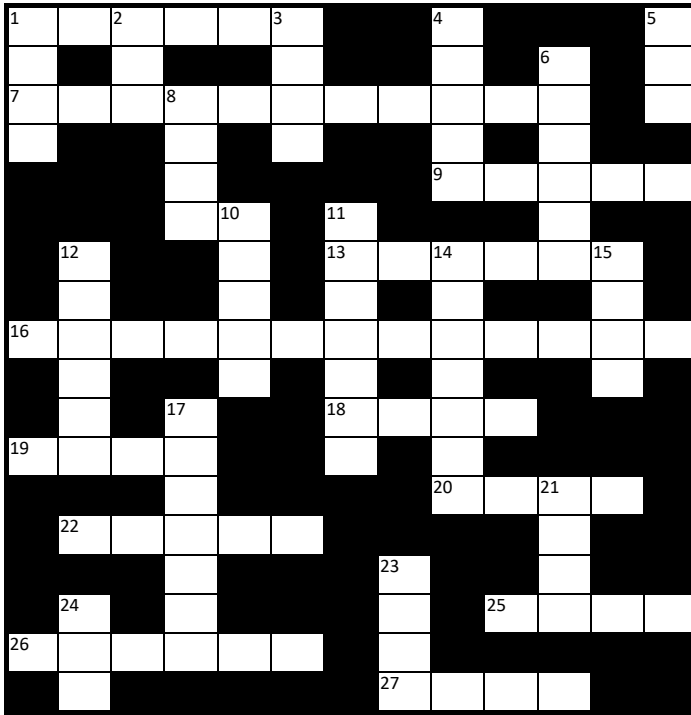
HELP WANTED:

Person to Fill
Web Master position

UPI is currently looking to fill the position of Web Master. Looking for someone with skills in/knowledge of the following:

HTML
PHP
MYSQL
WEBSITE PROGRAMMING AND
DESKTOP DATABASES/SPREADSHEETS

If you possess these skills and would like to join UPI as Web Master, please contact President or Vice President. Contact information is listed in the front of this newsletter.



DO WN

- 1 Mining tools, shovel and a _____.
- 2 Garrett ____ 250 metal detector.
- 3 Strike it _____.
- 4 Used to feed material into a sluice.
- 5 Always have a gold ____ when prospecting.
- 6 Mining equipment used in a river.
- 8 A little glass jar to put gold in.
- 10 _____ mine.
- 11 Where to clean out cracks and crevices.
- 12 High_____.
- 14 Study of rocks and minerals.
- 15 Fine sands that are moved by running water and deposited as a sediment.
- 17 Alluvial _____.
- 21 Garretts newest detector.
- 23 A pit sunk at the bottom of a mine.
- 24 Used for navigation.

ACROSS

- 1 Type of mining where gold is extracted from gravels in a stream.
- 7 Used to work cracks in bedrock.
- 9 Projecting part of a land mass.
- 13 Central Valley UPI meets at the _____ Hall.
- 16 A bottle used to suck up gold out of a pan.
- 18 An out ____ of rock formations.
- 19 Gold that is easily separated from the quartz or dirt.
- 20 Gold in a stream usually replenishes every _____.
- 22 The smallest, finest gold.
- 25 To leave or depart from.
- 26 Rock that is mined but not processed.
- 27 Tailings _____.



Upcoming Events

2021 UPI OUTING SCHEDULE

April 23th-25th	Bull Creek
June 25th-27th	Spanish Creek
Aug 20th—22nd	Genesee (CANCELLED DUE TO FIRE)
Oct 15th-17th	Coulterville

Note: Due to covid restrictions, there will be no potlucks.

Please be sure to **RSVP** to our Wagon master
Bob Azbill robert.azbill@yahoo.com or 530-409-4549
so that we can know how many folks to expect.



Upcoming Events:

Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed: The Coulterville pre-Thanksgiving outing is October 16th. We will have the detector hunt, Board meeting, elections, potluck dinner, and drawing. Unfortunately this year the Pancake Breakfast - Rebecca's Fundraiser is not being put on so you will need to make accommodations for breakfast. Detector Hunt - 10:30am (Across from the tennis courts in the empty lot behind the park) followed by UPI Meeting - 1:00pm (Odd Fellows Hall), Set up the Hall for dinner- 3:30pm followed by the Potluck - 5:00pm (Odd Fellows Hall), Elections and Drawings to follow potluck. Detector hunt will be held across from the tennis court/park, and the meeting, potluck dinner, elections, and drawing are at the ODD FELLOWS HALL, in the center of town on Main Street. There will be some folks camped on the Moccasin Creek claim. There is a trailer park in town with limited spaces, and limited lodging in the area. There will also be many great prizes in our year end drawing.

Look for more information about the outing in this newsletter. Thanksgiving outing at Coulterville also means elections are here. Voting will take place at the Coulterville preThanksgiving outing on Saturday, October 16th. The positions open include President, Secretary, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief, Outings Coordinator, and Ways and Means. Absentee Ballots must be received by October 8th.

Central Valley Chapter No upcoming events scheduled at this time.

South Bay Chapter Has been suspended until February 2022, unless someone would like to step in for Gil and take over the chapter. Please contact Gil for details.

Contra Costa Chapter Roaring Camp Day Trip Sept 18, 2021
Rye Patch Metal Detecting Event Sept 25, 2021

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CALIFORNIA STATE GEM & MINERAL SHOWS 2021

<p>Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Show Sept 18 & 19, 2021 Chico Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico, CA 95928</p>	<p>Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Show Sept TBD, 2021 Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Monterey, CA 93940</p>
<p>Sacramento Mineral, Gem, Rock & Jewelry Show Oct 2021 (TBD) Held at Scottish Rite Temple 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819</p>	<p>Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Annual Earth's Treasures Show Oct TBD, 2021 NV County Fairgrounds, (Main Bldg), 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95949</p>
<p>Vista Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show Oct 1 – 10/3, 2021 Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA 92083</p>	<p>Fall Contra Costa Crystal Fair Oct 9 & 10, 2021 Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596</p>
<p>Big Sur Jade Festival Oct TBD, 2021 Pacific Valley School, 69325 CA-1, Big Sur, CA 93920</p>	<p>El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Show Oct TBD, 2021 El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Dr, Placerville, CA 95667</p>
<p>Big Sur Jade Festival Oct TBD, 2021 Pacific Valley School, 69325 CA-1, Big Sur, CA 93920</p>	<p>SRMGS Annual Mineral & Gem Show Oct 16 & 17, 2021 Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404</p>
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<p>Oakland Whole Bead Show Nov 7 & 8, 2021 Marriott Oakland City Center, West Ballroom, 1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94521</p>	<p>West Coast Gem & Mineral Show Nov 12 – 14, 2021 Hilton Orange County / Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626</p>
<p>Great San Francisco Crystal Fair Nov 13 – 21, 2021 SF County Fair Bldg, 1199 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122</p>	<p>Santa Cruz Rockin Holiday Sale Nov 12 & 13, 2021 Live Oak Grange, 1900 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060</p>
<p>Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Show Nov TBD, 2021 Yuba – Sutter Fairgrounds, Franklin Hall, 442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City, CA 95991</p>	<p>El Cajon Valley Rock & Gem Roundup Nov 20 & 21, 2021 Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, 12584 Mapleview Rd, Lakeside, CA 92040</p>
<p>International Gem & Jewelry Show Nov 26 – 28, 2021 San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403</p>	<p>Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Show Dec TBD, 2021 Cora Harper Community Center, 841 S. Barstow Rd, Barstow, CA 92311</p>
<p>Delta Gold Diggers/East Bay Prospectors Gold show Dec 4th(10am-5pm) & 5th(10am-4pm), 2021 Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, Lodi CA 209.863.8066</p>	

Membership News

Congratulations to our newest members! UPI welcomes the following people:

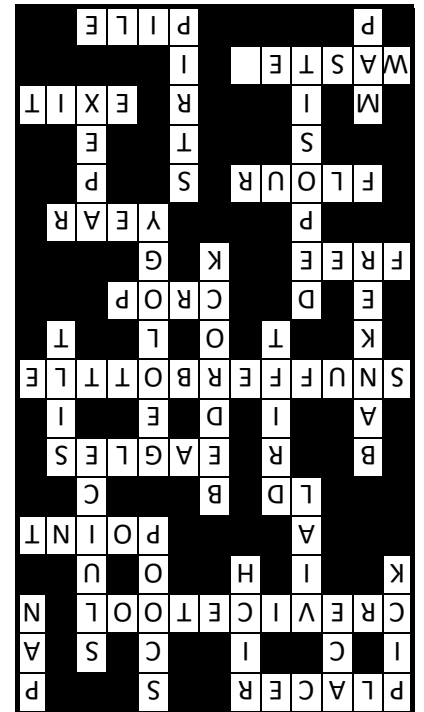
Yolanda / Jeff Bower/ Oconnor,	Brentwood, CA
Terry Campbell,	Pioneer, CA
Andres Delgado,	French Camp, CA
Lane Holmes,	Sonoma, CA
Alex Jegotka	Santa Barbara, CA
Richard Lawce,	Lodi, CA
Debbie Murphy,	Porterville, CA
Dottie Norman,	Livermore, CA
Andrew Puckett,	Pacheco, CA
Jerry Ross,	Escalon, CA
Chris Van Dyk,	Escalon, CA
Franklin Wilson,	Campbell, CA

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

All members and even non-members are encouraged to submit articles, recipes, lessons learned, stories about recent adventures, news from other relevant clubs and pictures to the Publisher for inclusion in the next UPI newsletter. Readers enjoy reading about what other prospectors are up to. Let's keep the newsletter informative and interesting by sending in your stories and pictures.

Kim Dessaussois
Editor / Publisher





OFFICIAL UPI BALLOT - 2021

Absentee Ballots must be received at the address below by October 8, 2021.

Voting is also available at the UPI Coulterville Outing on October 16, 2021.

OFFICER POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

President: _____

Write In: _____

Secretary: ____ - Lydia Hough (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

DIRECTOR POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief: ____ Kim Dessaussois (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

Outing Coordinator: Colleen Campbell (Incumbent)

Write In: _____

Ways and Means: _____

Write In: _____

A write in candidate must have been a member in good standing for the past year and have accepted the nomination. Absentee ballots must be received by December 18, 2020 at:

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